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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN VISAS FOR U.S. CITIZENS

REF: KINGSTON 2257, CARACAS OM TO DEPT APRIL 25.

1. VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. CITIZENS DESIRING TO ENTER VENEZUELA ARE UNCHANGED AND REMAIN AS STATED IN DEPT PUBLICATION M-264 OF JAN 1974, THAT IS, PASSPORT AND TOURIST CARD OR VISA. FOREGOING WAS CONFIRMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY, DIRECTOR OF CONSULATES, AND INTERIOR MINISTRY, DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, JULY 2.

2. VENEZUELA IS EXPERIENCING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY WITH ILLEGAL OVERSTAYS AND UNAUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT BY ALIENS ENTERING AS TOURISTS AND VENEZUELAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO PRESS CRITICISM FOR LACK OF RIGOR IN SCREENING VISA APPLICANTS. OFFICIALS HERE CLAIM COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF ANY "LETTER OF IDENTITY" REQUIREMENT, HOWEVER. STRICTER VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR TOURISTS ARE IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION, BUT ARE NOT INTENDED TO APPLY TO AMERICANS WE ARE TOLD.

3. DEVELOPMENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES, BUT INVOLVING VISA RECIPROCITY, WAS REPORTED BY AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN. COPY OF OUR RESPONSE (REF OM) BEING FORWARDED TO YOU. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT VENEZUELAN CONSULAR OFFICERS LIKE OURSELVES ENJOY CERTAIN DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY IN VISA ISSUANCE WHICH MAY RESULT IN OVERZEALOUSNESS AT TIMES.

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